

TRAFFIC CASES AGAINST TOURIST TAXI DRIVERS

713. SMT. W. F. FERNANDES (Coondapur).—

Will the Minister for Labour be pleased to state :—

(a) whether Government has received any representation, saying that the Police in Bhatkal, North Kanara are booking Traffic Cases against Tourist Taxi Drivers, without issuing on the spot Notice to the Drivers, and prosecutions are launched in Court after more than 6 months thus depriving the accused of the chance to defend himself properly ;

(b) whether Government intends to issue necessary directions to the concerned authorities, to act judicially in this regard in future?

SRI AZEEZ SAIT (Minister for Labour).—

(a) No.

(b) Does not arise in view of reply to (a) above.

SMT. W. F. FERNANDES.—To my question, you have answered as No. But may I bring to the notice of the Hon. Minister that I had given him a written representation when he had come to Coondapur regarding the same matter. May I know whether he has forgotten it or shirking his responsibility ?

† SRI AZEEZ SAIT.—I think it is a very uncharitable remark of the Hon. lady Member. When I was on tour in that area, I did get certain representations and they have been forwarded to the concerned department. When the question was tabled then, those representations had not been received by Government. After examination of the representation, it has been revealed that during 1970, 25 cases have been booked ; during 1971, 9 cases have been booked and during 1972, 19 cases have been booked. If there is any violation of the Motor Vehicles Act, offenders will have to be booked. I cannot understand why the Hon. lady Member is advocating that such violations of the rules should not be taken cognisance of and why a free style should be allowed for all the taxi drivers.

SMT. W. F. FERNANDES.—The Police Officers are not issuing notices on the spot but they are sending it through courts after some time. I want to know whether they are doing it according to rules ?

SRI AZEEZ SAIT. The Police Officers or the squad have got a right to book the cases and directly send them to court and through the Court, summons will be issued to the parties.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕಾಗೋಡು ತಿಮ್ಮಪ್ಪ.—ಸ್ಥಳದಲ್ಲಿಯೇ ಅವರಿಗೆ ನೋಟೀಸ್ ಕೊಡದೇ ಕೇಸ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಹಾಕುವುದು ಸರಿಯೇ ಎಂದು ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸದಸ್ಯರು ಕೇಳುತ್ತಿರುವುದು ?

SRI AZEEZ SAIT.—It is not necessary that the Police people should issue notices on the spot itself; they can send the charge-sheet to the court and notices will be issued to the parties through the Court. If the parties do not turn to the courts, then the courts will issue a non-bailable warrant.

SMT. W. F. FERNANDES.—According to the rules, if there is any offence on the part of the taxi driver, they will issue a notice and then file the case in the court for prosecution: But what the Minister said is just the opposite?

SRI AZEEZ SAIT.—I have got all the sympathies to Hon. Lady Member; but she must tell me what exactly she wants me to do. If she puts the question in a legal way, I will have to answer the question in a legal way.

Madam Speaker Question Hour is over.

[QUESTIONS FOR ANSWERS ON THE DAY BUT NOT TAKEN UP] SEPARATE BIOCHEMISTRY DEPARTMENT FOR GOVERNMENT MEDICAL COLLEGES

481 SRI A. M. SURYANARAYANA GOWDA (Yelahanka).—

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state:—

(a) whether Biochemistry Department is treated as a part of Physiology Department of the Government Medical Colleges;

(b) whether the Indian Medical Council had recommended in 1969 for the separation of Bio-Chemistry from Physiology and Micro-Biology from Pathology by creating separate posts of Professors of Micro-Biology and Bio-Chemistry;

(c) if so, whether there is any proposals before Government to treat Bio-Chemistry as a separate department of Medical College?

SRI H. SIDDAVEERAPPA (Minister for Health).—

(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) No.

ESTABLISHING AN INDUSTRIAL ESTATE IN MULBAGAL TOWN

633 SRI MUNIYAPPA (Mulbagal).—

Will the Minister for Industries be pleased to state:—

(a) whether Government proposes to establish an industrial Estate in Mulbagal with a view to solve unemployment problem;

(b) if so, whether suitable site has been selected?